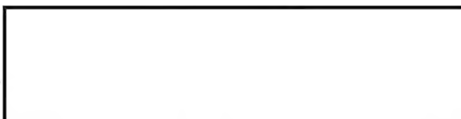


28 March 1951

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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

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I am delighted to have your favorable report on [redacted] as well as to hear from you personally.

We are trying very hard, as you know, to build up a creditable representation abroad and you will do me a great favor if you will give me a confidential estimate of the character and capabilities of [redacted] successor as soon as he has been with you long enough to warrant an expression of opinion.

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Faithfully,

Walter B. Smith

Walter B. Smith
Director

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